

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MERRILL LYNCH BUSINESS FINANCIAL
SERVICES INC.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

D.M.S. DIAMOND CO., INC., MARC STEINBERG, and
"JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #12",
the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to
plaintiff, being persons having or claiming an interest
in or lien upon the chattel described in the complaint,

Defendants.
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RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7.1 [formerly Local General Rule 1.9] and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services Inc. (a private non-governmental party) certifies that the following are corporate parents, affiliates and/or subsidiaries of said party, which are publicly held: Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

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